

# Michigan Reads! 2008



## Who's Awake at Night?

### *Set-up Ideas*

- Have children come in their pajamas (you can too!)
- Hang a moon and stars in the program room
- Turn the lights down—use flashlights!

### *Read*

- *The best book of nighttime animals*, by Belinda Weber, Kingfisher, 2006.
- *Bringing down the moon*, by Jonathan Emmett, illustrated by Vanessa Cabban, Walker Books, 2002.
- *Desert song*, by Tony Johnston, illustrated by Ed Young, Gibbs Smith, 2000.
- *Good night, sleep tight, little bunnies*, by Dawn Apperley, Cartwheel Books, 2002.
- *Keepers of the night: Native American stories and nocturnal activities for children*, by Michael Caduto and Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by David Kanietakeron Fadden, Fulcrum Publishing, 1994.
- *Light and dark*, by Terry Jennings, illustrated by David Anstey, Gloucester Press, 1991.
- *Little Hoot*, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, illustrated by Jen Corace, Chronicle Books, 2008.
- *Night animals*, by Susan Meredith, illustrated by Patrizia Donaera and Adam Larkum, Usborne, 2007.
- *Night creatures*, by Wade Cooper, Scholastic, 2007.
- *Nightprowlors*, by Jerry Emory and R. Menge, illustrated by A. Cannon, Gulliver Books Paperbacks, 1994.
- *Night science for kids: exploring the world after dark*, by Terry Krautwurst, Lark Books, 2005.
- *One nighttime sea*, by Deborah Lee Rose, illustrated by Steve Jenkins, Scholastic, 2003.
- *Owl Moon*, by Jane Yolen, illustrated by John Schoenherr, Philomel Books, 1987.
- *Raccoon tune*, by Nancy Shaw, illustrated by Howard Fine, Henry Holt, 2003.
- *Song of night: it's time to go to bed*, by Katherine Riley Nakamura, illustrated by Linnea Riley, Blue Sky Press, 2002.
- *Stellaluna*, by Janell Cannon, Harcourt, 1993.

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- *Up all night counting: a pop-up book*, by Bruce Foster, illustrated by Robin Koontz, Little Simon, 2006.
- *Wake up big barn!* by Suzanne Chitwood, Cartwheel Books, 2002.
- *Wake-up kisses*, by Pamela Duncan Edwards, illustrated by Henry Cole, HarperCollins, 2001.
- *What the sun sees; what the moon sees*, by Nancy Tafuri, Greenwillow Books, 1997.
- *When it is night, when it is day*, by Jenny Tyers, Houghton-Mifflin, 1996.
- *When night comes*, by Ron Hirschi, photographs by Thomas D. Mangelsen, Boyds Mills Press, 2006.

### *Crafts (all crafts best for ages 2-5)*

- Do one of the Raccoon Crafts from the “Raccoons!” program listed previously
- Owl Handprint Craft: [www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mhandprintowl.htm](http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mhandprintowl.htm)
- Owl Paper Bag Puppet: [www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mbagowl.htm](http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mbagowl.htm)
- Owl Paper Plate Craft: [www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/animals/owl/](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/animals/owl/)
- Bat Handprint Craft: [www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/animals/owl/](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/animals/owl/)
- Bat Paper Bag Puppet: [www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mbagbat.htm](http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mbagbat.htm)
- Nocturnal/ Diurnal Mobiles
  - Have children make a large sun and/ or moon
  - Use templates from the web or color your own nocturnal and/or diurnal animals
  - Use fishing line or yarn to hang the nocturnal animals under the moon and the diurnal animals under the sun

### *Sing-a-longs*

- **Raccoon**, to the tune: “Kookaburra,” **Ages 0-5**  
(Source: [www.misterandersons.com](http://www.misterandersons.com))

Raccoon sleeps in a hollow tree,  
While the sun shines on you and me.  
Sleep, raccoon, sleep, raccoon, warm and cozily.

In the darkest part of night,

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Raccoon has the best eyesight.  
Look, raccoon, look, raccoon, My, your eyes are bright.

Raccoon hardly makes a sound  
When he prowls all around.  
Hunt, raccoon, hunt, raccoon, find food on the ground.

- **Owl Song**, to the tune: "I'm a Little Teapot"  
(Source: [www.perpetualpreschool.com](http://www.perpetualpreschool.com))

I'm a great big owl, as you can see  
I live high up in a tree.  
All the other birds wake me up when they play,  
Because I like to sleep in the day!

### *Activities*

- **Sun-up, Moon-up Game, Ages 2-8**
  - Assign kids to be either nocturnal or diurnal animals
    - Print out pictures of animals for kids to wear that are either nocturnal or diurnal
    - Divide the group into "people" and "raccoons"
  - Either make a large sun and moon, or just use the lights in the room as the sun!
  - When the lights are on (or sun picture up) the diurnal animals get to run and play!
  - When the lights are out (or moon picture up) the nocturnal animals get to run and play!
  - Ages 2-3: have children be "people" or "raccoons" to keep it simple
  - Ages 4 and up: expand the types of nocturnal and diurnal animals
- **Nocturnal animal sound game, Ages 2-5:** [www.naturepark.com/sound1.wav](http://www.naturepark.com/sound1.wav)
  - You will need to have computer access in the room
  - You can also make your own animal sounds that you hear at night
- **Raccoon, Raccoon Finger Play, Ages 0-5**

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(Source: Pam Miller at [www.teachers.net](http://www.teachers.net))

Raccoon, raccoon, (*fingers around eyes like a mask*)  
Up in a tree, (*hands raised high*)  
Raccoon, raccoon, (*fingers around eyes like a mask*)  
You can't see me! (*cover eyes*)  
Raccoon, raccoon, (*fingers around eyes like a mask*)  
I can see you, (*one hand on eyes, one pointing*)  
Eating fish and corn, (*pretend to eat*)  
And birds' eggs too. (*pretend to eat*)  
Raccoon, raccoon, (*fingers around eyes like a mask*)  
Hunting at night, (*hands shade eyes and squint*)  
Raccoon, raccoon, (*fingers around eyes like a mask*)  
Sleeps in daylight. (*sleeping motion*)

- **Five Little Owls Finger Play, Ages 0-5**

(Source: [www.perpetualpreschool.com](http://www.perpetualpreschool.com))

Tip: Use Owl crafts (above) to act this one out

5 little owls on a moonlit night 5 little owls are quite a sight.  
5 little owls Are you keeping score? One flew away! And then there were 4.  
4 little owls Happy as can be, One flew away! Then there were 3.  
3 little owls Calling "Whoo! Whoo!" One flew away! And that left two.  
2 little owls having lots of fun. One flew away! And that left 1.  
1 little owl We are almost done. He flew away! And that leaves none.

### *Print-outs*

- See Raccoon print-outs in "Raccoons!" program previously listed
- Owl Coloring Pages:
  - [www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/cp\\_birds/cp\\_owl.htm](http://www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/cp_birds/cp_owl.htm)
  - [www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mowls/mowlsposter.html](http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mowls/mowlsposter.html)
  - [www.lucylearns.com/images/dot-to-dot-pages-coloring-pages-elf-owl-picutres.gif](http://www.lucylearns.com/images/dot-to-dot-pages-coloring-pages-elf-owl-picutres.gif)
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- [www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/cp\\_wild/cp\\_bat.htm](http://www.first-school.ws/theme/animals/cp_wild/cp_bat.htm)

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